

# Capital Times

# Green light for new city homes

CARDIFF'S Local Development Plan has been approved by the Planning Inspector, opening the way for 41,415 homes to be built in the city by 2026.

The plan sets out the land in and around the city that is available for development and gives the City of Cardiff Council the power to manage the phased-development of new communities, homes, schools and facilities across the city.

The plan identifies that 41,415 dwellings will be required to cater for Cardiff's growing population, which is expected to see approximately 80,000 more people living here by 2026. Approximately 23,000 of these dwellings have already, or are in the process of being built. This means that approximately 18,000 more dwellings will need to be built by 2026.

The Council is planning for the growth of the city to ensure that it is managed effectively and much-needed infrastructure is also delivered for these new communities

Under the plan, requirements will be placed on developers to build the transport infrastructure, schools, and health centres as required for the housing developments. Of the 41,415 dwellings, approximately 64 per cent will be built on brownfield sites.

The City of Cardiff Council hasn't had an LDP plan for nearly 20 years. This hasn't stopped development but it has left the Council in a difficult position when trying to oppose developments across the city which the planning authority found unacceptable.

Under the new LDP, the Council has the power to shape new developments and will make best use of brownfield sites that are available for development.

Councillor Ramesh Patel, Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Sustainability, said: "Cardiff has been in dire need of this plan for some time. The last plan was approved 19 years ago and has led to insufficient land being made available for urgent housing

"The Council fought hard to have a Green Belt included in the plan but the inspector ruled this out granting a Green Wedge instead. The Green Wedge protects the areas we earmarked for the life of the plan, and we remain committed to promoting the Green Belt in the emerging regional planning process.

"The new plan is great news for Cardiff and an exciting time for the city, as we continue to establish ourselves as Europe's most liveable Capital City." (read more on page 3)



2016 marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl – the world's No. 1 storyteller and as the birthplace of the legendary author, Cardiff is set to embark on a year packed with gloriumptious treats and squiffling surprises for everyone! Marvellously, in September you will see the Welsh capital transformed into the CITY OF THE UNEXPECTED – the biggest arts event ever to happen on the streets of Cardiff!

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## Delivering new homes and community facilities



WITH the Inspectors' Report on the Local Development Plan now received, the Council has to go through the formalities of finally accepting the plan, through both Cabinet and Full Council.

Legally this has to be carried out within eight weeks of receiving the report from the Planning Inspector.

The development of the LDP is a long process, and the plan has been reviewed in detail by the Inspector which has included public hearings. A number of action points were put forward and have been addressed by the Council and the Plan is now final and been deemed as 'sound' by the Planning Inspector.

The Local Development Plan submitted to the Welsh Government proposed a 'Green Belt' relating to Cardiff's green backdrop in north Cardiff which would have protected the land for some 50 years. Following the examination process, the Inspectors considered a 'Green Wedge' was more appropriate than the Green Belt proposed by the Council. However, this gives the land the same protection for the duration of the plan period.

The Plan allows the Authority to manage the growth of the city to ensure that key infrastructure is also built to support the new communities that will be built and this will be done in a phased way.

Councillor Ramesh Patel, Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Sustainability, said: "This is an exciting time for Cardiff. The LDP will ensure the Authority has the power to manage the phaseddevelopment of houses and new communities across the city. It will enable us to have affordable new homes constructed - sustainable homes, suitable for families and our growing population.

"When the new plan is finally adopted at the end of January, we will ensure that developments in the city are managed effectively with new transport infrastructure, schools, health facilities and other community facilities. The plan gives us the control to guide development and manage the growth of the city.

"We can now move forwards with the formalities of adopting the Plan and we will then publish it online. A report will be prepared for Cabinet and the plan will be presented to Full Council on January 28 for final sign off."

## LDP strategic sites

> Central Enterprise Zone Major employment-led initiative including a regional transport hub together with other mixed uses. New facilities includes a primary school, open spaces and contribution to other community facilities with improvements to public transport, walking and cycling.

> Former Gas works, Ferry Road

Housing-based redevelopment of brownfield site bringing forward 500 new homes. Provides open spaces and improvements to public transport, walking and cycling with financial contributions to enhance existing local community facilities.

North West Cardiff
Comprehensive development
providing a minimum of 5,000
homes, local jobs and wide range
of supporting facilities including
one secondary school, minimum
of three primary schools, open
spaces and district centres
with new health & community
facilities. On and off-site works
will bring forward new public
transport infrastructure, highway
improvements and new walking/
cycling routes.

> East of Pontprennau Link Road Providing 1,300 homes, a primary school, open spaces and a local centre with new health & community facilities. On and off-

site works will bring forward new

public transport infrastructure, highway improvements and <u>new</u>

walking/cycling routes.

> North of Junction 33 and South of Creigiau
Two sites bringing forward 2,650 homes and supporting infrastructure including a minimum of one primary school. North of Junction 33, a new Park & Ride facility will be delivered along with employment opportunities and a local centre with new health & community facilities. Both sites will provide new homes, open spaces with on and off-site works bringing forward new public transport infrastructure, highway improvements and new walking/

> North East Cardiff (West of Pontprennau) Comprehensive development providing 4,500 homes, local jobs and wide range of supporting facilities including one secondary school, three primary schools, open spaces and district centres with new health & community facilities. On and off-site works will bring forward new public transport infrastructure, highway

improvements and new walking/

cyclina routes.

> South of St Mellons Business Park High quality, campus style

cycling routes.

strategic employment site including Park & Ride facility, transport hub along with wider public transport infrastructure, highway improvements and new walking/cycling routes. Landscaping works include environmental mitigation measures.

## Leader's message



2015 was a busy year when we celebrated our 110th anniversary as a city, 60 years as the Welsh capital and 60 years of our twinning relationship with Stuttgart.

We launched our Liveable City Report, looking at how we are performing compared to other major UK cities, welcomed an in-principle agreement from UK Government for a £1.2bn City Deal and recorded a really strong set of GCSE and A-level results. And rugby fever took over the city with the Ball in the Wall and Rugby World Cup.

I spent the last few hours of 2015 with some of the Council and partner teams working in the city centre and I want to thank them all for their hard work ensuring everyone enjoyed welcoming in the New Year safely.

Already, 2016 is shaping up to be another eventful 12 months starting with our Local Development Plan (LDP), the blueprint for how Cardiff will grow over the next 10 years, gaining the seal of approval from the Planning Inspectors.

By 2026 our population is set to grow by 22 per cent so it's essential that the LDP is fit for purpose to ensure the city develops in a sustainable way. The Plan can now be formally adopted by the Council and will be vital in helping to provide the necessary certainty to attract and sustain new investments.

The World Half Marathon Championships race into town in March while 2016 marks the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth in Llandaff when we plan to celebrate his life and literature with a series of events. And work will continue at Central Square to deliver a world-class transport gateway to the city.

I expect many of you will, like me, be spending much of June following the fortunes of Wales at Euro 2016. 2015 was not without its challenges and the austerity we have experienced over recent years is set to continue with difficult choices to make to achieve substantial savings.

Our provisional settlement from Welsh Government was better than expected and we welcome the opportunities this gives us when reviewing the budget proposals. We will continue to focus on supporting our priorities of better education and skills for all, supporting vulnerable people, creating more jobs and better-paid jobs and working together to transform services.

Our budget consultation has now closed so we'll reflect on the views given before putting forward our final proposals in February.

Even in the face of these severe financial pressures though, I believe we can become Europe's most liveable capital city — a safe, healthy and green city where people are happy and highly-skilled.

We took great strides in 2015 and I am confident that further progress can be made in 2016.



Councillor Phil Bale Leader of the City of Cardiff Council



# Your budget questions answered

A live online budget Q&A session took place as part of the City Council's public consultation on the 2016/17 budget proposals.

Leader of the Council, Councillor Phil Bale, and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, Councillor Graham Hinchey answered guestions which were being posted in real time from members of the public on the financial challenges faced by the authority. More than 250 people viewed the discussion with 93 per cent agreeing that the session was a useful way for the Council to discuss the budget proposals.

Here is a selection of the questions posed to Councillor Bale and Councillor Hinchey and the answers they gave. A full transcript of the Q&A session can be found by visiting www.cardiff.gov.uk/budget and clicking on 'Budget savings proposals and consultation 2016/17'.



#### (Q)

I know that the recent Welsh Government settlement has produced a lower budget reduction than has been planned for. Does this mean there will be less cuts needed for 2016-17?



Councillor

Phil Bale

(A)

Our funding settlement was better than expected – which was very welcome news. This will give us some breathing space for 2016/17. but the Council still faces a budget gap of over £30m next year. Our settlement is also only for one year which has to be kept in mind as there is still a large shortfall to make up over the next three years.

We now need time to consider the results of the public consultation before making any decisions.



Councillor Bale, in a Q&A with the Sprout recently, you talked again about Cardiff becoming the most liveable city in Europe. In the city's 10 year strategy, Cardiff Proud Capital, one ambition of the eight is that the city should be a great place to live, work and play. How can you explain the council budget proposal to cut arts and culture investment which directly supports and delivers on those?



Councillor

Phil Bale

We face incredibly difficult decisions, like many other councils across the UK. We have to find new ways to support the arts in our capital city, I fully understand the value of the arts and how they can enrich our city. At present a large amount of the council's support goes towards subsidising St David's Hall and the New Theatre but we need to find other ways to support other arts activities, not just buildings. Projects such as the Depot and Street Food have the support of the council but that support is not necessarily financial (but can be in kind support for example or signposting to other financial support) due to the tough cuts we face.



Is the future of St David's Hall and New



Graham Hinchey

We are currently looking at a number of options and in all of these the security of staff is uppermost in our minds. We are currently in the procurement process and the results of this are expected early in 2016. Staff and Trade Unions will continue to be consulted throughout this open and transparent process.



In 2014, it was reported that the Council spent £9m buying the Wood Street NCP car park, so this can be knocked down for the Central Square & Bus Station redevelopment. Is this correct, and if so, can this possibly be justified given the massive savings being discussed? This amount would, for example. run all Libraries in Cardiff for over two years.



Councillor

Phil Bale

For many years the city has suffered from having an out of date bus station and no firm plans for delivering a new one. I'm satisfied that this investment has kickstarted the regeneration of this part of the city and we have had a great deal of positive coverage and support from residents who want to see a top class bus interchange and a new gateway to Cardiff and the wider region which we can all be proud of. We needed to buy this site to unlock the potential of Central Square. Bringing more and better paid jobs to Cardiff is one of our administration's top priorities and Central Square will help us to deliver this.

The new BBC HQ has just started construction and the use of world leading architects such as Foster + Partners will bring about a step change in architectural quality and design in key parts of our city centre



When major events such as the Rugby World Cup or incoming Champions League, come to the city, who pays for the street cleaning, road closures, policing, crowd control etc? Is this coming from our council tax and are the people of Cardiff paying for all this additional pressure which does not benefit us? (if it did, we wouldn't be faced with cuts, right?)



Councillor Phil Bale

The City Council has a ring fenced budget for hosting major events due to the importance we place on them. For example, the Rugby World Cup was estimated to bring over £300m into the local economy and in supporting local jobs and services. They also help raise our international profile massively, with the Champions League Final reaching a global audience in the many millions. Not all costs are met by the Council, such as policing and Central Government will also often be involved in providing support. But it's hard to deny the value of these events to the city in terms of economic impact and the marketing power that they bring.



Will the Council's budget proposals lead to staff redundancies?



Graham Hinchey

## (A)

The sustained cuts towards Public Services and particularly local Council Services has been going on for some years now. Cardiff has saved over £203m in the last decade and is the fastest growing city in the UK, with increasing demands and sustained reduced funding. As with most councils our largest bill is people costs. Inevitably the need to reduce costs will impact on employee budgets and the shape of the workforce. The first option would be to look at vacant posts, invite expressions of interest in voluntary severance and look at redeployment first. Our record is good in this area and we have a regular dialogue (two weekly meetings) with all Trade Unions. There will be ongoing consultations with potentially affected staff throughout the process.



Can you please outline the consequences for primary schools in the city and can you confirm that schools will get the 1 per cent protected



Councillor Graham

uplift from the Welsh Government.

Cardiff has consistently provided schools with budget settlements greater than the Welsh Government protection level and the current proposals provide them with a 4.6 per cent uplift or £9.5m. This significantly exceeds the Welsh Government 1 per cent protection level.

Cardiff also has the highest rate of delegated responsibilities level in Wales, giving schools much more choice on how they manage their responsibilities



Cardiff was recently selected by the Core Cities Programme to lead on culture for all of the Core Cities, how can the council (of the capital city of Wales) deliver on this if cultural activity in Cardiff is pared back to embarrassing levels? And what message is this sending out to other local authorities in Wales?



Councillor Phil Bale

I am the cultural lead for the Core Cities and so am aware of the really difficult challenges councils across the UK now face with contracting arts budgets. The Core Cities recently commissioned a report on the arts and how we can look at new ways of aiding the creative sector, building on the existing networks and talent that we already have to improve collaboration within and between cultural hubs across the UK.

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(Q)

With smaller bins, cutbacks to street cleaning and cutting hedges etc, and the general service the council provide, can I get a cut in my Tax please? it's all a joke!



Councillor

(A)

Council Tax only brings in around 25 per cent of our funding for local services, the rest comes from central government grants. Each 1 per cent increase in Council Tax brings in net extra funding of around £1.1m, so if we were to meet our gap of £45m through Council Tax, residents would be facing a rise of around 40 per cent! Obviously this is not going to happen, but I'm just trying to be clear on the scale of the challenges we face and how small a proportion we get from council tax. It's also worth remembering that we have had to bring in smaller bins to help us recycle more. If we fail to do this, we face massive fines going forward.



(Q)

The Council is continuing to advertise jobs that appear to be permanent. With budget cuts of over £100m over the next three years & Council mergers on the horizon, wouldn't it be better to have a vacancy freeze & only recruit on temporary contracts?



Councillor Phil Bale

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We are undergoing a period of immense change and reshaping as an organisation. This means that sometimes we have to recruit externally for the brightest talent to help us go through these changes. Currently, we always try to fill vacancies internally first through redeployment but it is worth noting that much of the new jobs growth is in areas of high demand, such as social services and education, where we need to recruit more teachers and social workers to meet the needs of a growing population.



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How much has been saved by neglecting street cleansing? Numerous requests to clear gutters and drains have been seemingly ignored and residents are now resorting to clearing leaf litter themselves. Are you content to see this continue?



Councillo Graham Hinchey

Street cleansing is a high priority for all councillors and we are not neglecting this area. One good example that has been trialled in the west of the city and now being rolled out is our Neighbourhood Trials, which provides a one stop approach and where operatives are now multi skilled to deal with various activities. I am aware and applaud the "Big Sweep" event that recently took place in Riverside/Pontcanna area and included dedicated local Cllrs Iona Gordon, Darren Williams and Caro Wild. This demonstrates people are willing to take ownership of their local area, gets people together and enhances community spirit.



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Why was so much money wasted on wheelie bins that nobody wanted or needed?



Councillo Graham Hinchey

All Councils are facing significant increases in the amount of waste that should not go into landfill. If they fail to stop this then we (all of us as taxpayers) can receive fines of up to £400,000 for each 1 per cent of the target missed. If people view the wide range of items that can now be put into green bags, food waste caddies and green bins, there is not a lot left that should go into black bins. I would encourage everyone to visit the Council's website (waste and recycling) and play their part in contributing towards a better world for our future generations.



# City has its say on budget proposals

Cardiff residents have had their say on the City of Cardiff Council's budget proposals for 2016/17.

Throughout December and early January, the council consulted on its proposals to meet a projected budget shortfall of around £45m.

A series of consultation events were held right across the city where residents were able to hear more about the extreme financial challenges facing the Council with increasing demand for services, a growing population and decreasing budgets.

The consultation ran from December 11 to January 12 and all feedback submitted at the events, as well as via the online survey on the Council's website, will be considered by Cabinet when it meets on February 18 to finalise the proposals ahead of Full Council on February 25 when the budget will be set.

Among the proposals consulted on are reductions to arts funding including the Artes Mundi prize and Cardiff Contemporary, new ways of delivering day services for older people, increasing the cost of school meals by 10p each day and developing an alternative model for children's play.

The consultation also included plans to increase the Council's commercial activities to generate more revenues to offset budget shortfalls in coming years.

Councillor Graham Hinchey, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, said: "It's been great to see residents attending our budget consultation events and having their say. It's been clear that people care about and value the services the Council provides so it's important to get their input on the future of those services.

"While we have since had a better than expected settlement from Welsh Government we still have a medium term budget problem moving forward which could see us having to make up a shortfall of over £100m over the next three years

"Once again, there are difficult decisions to be made in setting a balanced budget for 2016/17 and our proposals include changes to the way we deliver services by exploring different and new ways of working as well as supporting communities' and partners' capacity to deliver services and manage assets themselves.

"It's incredibly important that people understand the position the City Council is currently in and how Cardiff has unique challenges quite different to any other authority in Wales. We are working towards meeting that challenge by developing our staff, modernising services and working with partners and citizens to reduce the impact these severe and sustained funding cuts have had and will continue to have over the next few years."

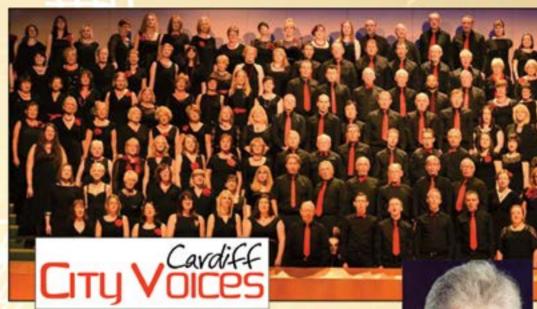


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## New hubs bring council services closer to communities



CARDIFF'S successful community programme is continuing apace in 2016 with the newest facility launching in Grangetown.

Grangetown Community Hub opened its doors in January and has been developed by refurbishing and extending the former Grangetown Library building on Havelock Place.

Bringing together Council and partner services under one roof to meet the needs and priorities of the Grangetown community, the hub provides a full library service, housing and benefits advice, into work services, a café and a community room.

Cabinet Member for

Community Development, engage with the Council

Co-operatives and Social Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury, said: "Grangetown Hub is looking fantastic and I'm delighted that improved and extended services are now available in the area. making it easier and more convenient for people to





and our partners."

In the east of Cardiff, the city's first community partnership hub opened just before Christmas.

Rumney former Youth Club building on Llanstephan Road has refurbishment undergone

and redecoration and is now also home to East Cardiff. Llanedeyrn and Pentwyn (ECLP) Communities First. The hub offers a range

services including library services, advice and benefit services, public access computers and free telephones, a children's area, multi-use community room and interview room. Partner organisations will also be visiting the hub to provide specialist help and advice.

Councillor Bradbury "Our continued: hubs are one-stop shops that are extremely popular in communities where they have already been established so I'm really

pleased to see Rumney having a new hub.

"We know that people in this area were extremely keen to see library services continue in their community and we have been able to deliver provision at the hub.

"My thanks go to Communities First and other community groups in the area for helping us to deliver this fantastic new facility. We are keen to involve the community fully in the operation of the new partnership hub which will be a key facility in this area. Volunteering has all sorts of benefits, whether it be giving back something to the community or gaining valuable experience to boost your chances of employment.

"We want to hear from people willing to give some time so get in touch and make the difference.

For further information volunteering opportunities. contact Rumney Partnership Hub on 029 2233 0661 or email RumneyPartnershipHub@



## More hubs in the pipeline

A proposal to further extend the Council's community hubs programme by establishing a hub in Llanishen has received a high level of support from local

The Council recently consulted on a proposal to create a hub through the refurbishment of existing facilities at Llanishen Police Station on Station Road, providing a new home for the relocated Llanishen Library as well as a range of other services.

Cabinet will consider feedback to the consultation in March with work expected to start by the end of the year and complete in Spring 2017.

Plans for the extension and refurbishment of the Powerhouse to create Llanedeyrn Community Hub have also been given the go ahead and work is expected to start in April.

The 500m2 extension will extend the building to incorporate advice services, alongside library provision and a new café.

Llandaff North will also be getting a new hub in 2016 and construction is scheduled to begin in May. The hub will be created through the refurbishment of existing facilities at the Llandaff North Library and Gabalfa Avenue Day Centre site, which is centrally located to serve both the Gabalfa Estate and wider Llandaff North ward.

A wide range of community services and activities will be delivered, along with the redesign of the existing library entrance to create a new hub entrance which is vibrant and welcoming, including  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ prominent café area.



# New Fairwater Hub on its way

**IMPROVEMENT** works to convert the current Fairwater Library into the city's newest community hub are underway.

Fairwater is the latest part of the city where a community hub will established. bringing

improved and extended services to the area.

The new hub, which is expected to open in May, will provide library, advice and information services, including housing, benefit and financial advice, as well as community and meeting

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury, said: "Fairwater was identified as an area of the city that would benefit from a community

hub. Our community hubs programme has been extremely successful across the city, so this is good news for Fairwater.

"The new hub will offer better facilities and a greater range of services, making it easier for people in the area

to engage with the Council." While the building is

closed for refurbishment work, library users can visit nearby branch libraries including Canton, Llandaff North, Ely and Caerau Hub or Central Library Hub in the city centre.

# Capital Education



# Multi-million pound schools investment moves a step closer

PLANS for major investment in schools in the city have been given the go ahead.

More than £58m has been earmarked for a combination of schemes, ranging from newly built schools to expanding existing sites, primary education to secondary education, Welshmedium learning to Englishmedium learning.

Public consultation has been held by the city council on options for future school provision, serving Butetown, Canton. Granaetown and Riverside. Adamsdown and Splott, and Caerau and Ely and the following schemes have emerged as preferred options.

• A newly built secondary school for the West of the city, serving the communities in and around Caerau and Ely, built on the current Glyn Derw High School site and opening from

September 2018

- Additional Welsh-medium and English-medium primary provision for areas in and around Butetown, Canton, Grangetown and Riverside from September
- Additional Welsh-medium and English-medium primary provision for areas in and around Adamsdown and Splott from September 2017

Cabinet Member

Councillor Sarah Education. Merry, said: "Through our 21st Century Schools Programme we will invest over £164m with the Welsh Government. These latest proposals represent investment of over £58m in education for a number of communities in the city, including our most deprived

"We are committed to providing education in Cardiff which fully meets the needs of

our children and young people. The preferred options follow the work undertaken to measure demand across a number of areas in Cardiff and to get a real sense of how people would like us to deliver education in their communities."

The preferred primary school options include building two new schools in Butetown and Splott and the expansion of three existing primary schools in Butetown, Grangetown and Splott.

Next steps include putting the proposed schemes through the planning process.

Councillor Merry added: "We will continue to work closely with all interested parties as the detailed plans are developed and taken forward. Any concerns raised during the planning process will be considered and properly addressed."

#### Half term is 15-19 February 2016. PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU ★ 04 JANUARY - 24 MARCH 2016 www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolcatering @Cardiffschmeals TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY** 06 JAN / 27 JAN / 24 FEB / 16 MAR Low Fat Pork Battered Pollock Fillet **Burritos** Balti Chicken/Veggie Balls Ouorn Sausages (V) Vegetable Balti (V) Creamed Potato Yorkshire Puddir Pasta Creamed Potato/New Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Gravy Garden Peas Sweetcorn Garden Peas Carrots/Broccoli Chocolate Brownie Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries Apple and Blackberry Crumble Flapjack with Custard 11 JAN / 01 FEB / 29 FEB / 21 MAR 12 JAN / 02 FEB / 01 MAR / 22 MAR 13 JAN / 03 FEB / 02 MAR / 23 MAR 14 JAN / 04 FEB / 03 MAR / 24 MAR 15 JAN / 05 FEB / 04 MAR Cheese Beef Burger Chicken and Pepperoni Salmon Fish Fingers Cheese Ouorn Vegetable Tikka (V) Burger (V) Scrambled Eggs & Sage and Onion Stuffing Chipped Potatoes Potato Wedges Gravy Roast Potatoes/New Potatoes Baked Beans Salad Sweetcorn **Garlic Bread** Carrots/Garden Peas Raspberry Muffin Pear and Chocolate Sponge American Pancakes with Peaches Chocolate Corn Flake Crisp **Eves Pudding with Custard** Cheese and Tomato Homemade Chicken Pasta Bolognese Roast Turkey Breast Fish Fingers Pepperoni Pizza, Tuna and Sweetcorn Vegetable Korma (V). Battered Pollock Fillets Garlic Bread Chipped Potatoes Gravy Sage and Onion Stuffing Potato Wedges Rice Jacket Potato / Bombay Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Garden Peas Roast Potatoes/New Potatoes Carrots/Cabbage Baked Beans Coconut Sponge with Jam and Chocolate Muffin Apple and Cinnamon Crumble Fruity Oat Cookie Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream Roll with Mandarin Oranges with Custard

- V indicates Vegetarian Option
- Selection of Fresh Fruit & Low Fat Yogurt available daily
- Salad, Jacket Potato & Choice of filling, Sandwiches or baguettes available daily
- Free bread available daily
- We source high quality sustainable products where possible 🐠 💋 📠









# Regenerating Central Square

THE regeneration of Central Square continues at pace with recent confirmation that a third building is set to begin construction ahead of schedule.

The new building, known as Two Central Square, will sit adjacent to the new BBC Cymru Wales headquarters and demonstrates that Central Square is now Cardiff's premier business location at the heart of Cardiff Enterprise Zone. This takes the total square footage under construction to just over

400,000 sq ft in just under 18 months.

Councillor Phil Bale, Leader of the City of Cardiff Council, said: "Central Square is one of the main gateways into Wales and we are working closely with one of the world's best architects Foster + Partners to ensure that this regeneration scheme supports our ambition to make Cardiff Europe's most liveable Capital City."

This will make way for the new Transport Interchange, which will be built on the NCP/Marland House site. The new facility will deliver a step change to improve public transport in and around the city. The design by Foster & Partners is well underway with the demolition of the NCP car park and Marland House due to start in May this year. The contract for construction has been awarded to Sir Robert McAlpine.

The overall development of Central Square will include a large civic space between the existing Central Train Station and the BBC building and will be of a scale and quality that befits our capital city. The scheme is being funded by Legal & General, one of the UK's largest property investors who will invest £400m in Central Square and £120m has already been allocated for the build.

The Council is continuing to work closely with the developer in a series of planned stakeholder events to ensure that the local and business communities are kept informed about the scheme.

The improvement of the public realm and the creation

of the new civic square will significantly improve the management of major events taking place in the city and we are working closely with our stakeholders to ensure there is minimal disruption during construction.

"We are very fortunate that our stakeholders recognise that this is a vital regeneration project and that whilst there may well be some disruption in the short term, the long term benefits to the city will be immeasurable," said Councillor Bale.

# Velothon Wales heading back to Cardiff



VELOTHON Wales returns to the capital this spring with up to 18,000 riders taking to the roads of South Wales for the 140km cycling event.

The second edition of the mass participation event takes place on Sunday, May 22 starting and finishing in Cardiff city centre with riders getting underway in waves from 7am.

Cyclists will once again gather on St Mary Street before departing out of the city centre through the lower end of St Mary Street and out of Cardiff via Splott and Rover Way towards Newport.

At the end of the event cyclists will return from Caerphilly through Lisvane and Lakeside, through to the finish in the Civic Centre from early afternoon.

There will be disruption to the road network throughout Cardiff on Sunday, May 22 as the Velothon Wales is a completely closed road event. However, emergency access will be maintained and any residents with special requirements or circumstances will be assisted.

Specific details of road closure timings will be announced in the coming weeks but residents and businesses are urged to put alternative travel arrangements into place as early as possible.

Saturday, May 21 will also see some disruption around the Civic Centre due to a youth and professional women's Criterium race linked to Velothon Wales.

In addition to the popular mass participation sportive, Velothon Wales will also host a UCI sanctioned 1.1 professional road race which is expected to attract some of the world's biggest teams and riders.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social

Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury, said: "We're delighted the Velothon is returning to the area again this year. Last year's Velothon was very successful and it's great to see the event featuring in the city's sporting calendar again."

Velothon Wales has the continued backing of the City of Cardiff Council as well as British Cycling, Welsh Cycling, Welsh Government and the four other local authorities involved in the route – Newport, Monmouthshire, Caerphilly and Torfaen.

More than 10,000 cyclists took part in Velothon Wales last year, bringing more than £2m into the local economy in 2015 and raising more than £300,000 for good causes.

For route or road closure queries, please email route@ velothonwales.co.uk, phone 029 2166 0790 and check www.velothon-wales.co.uk for more details.



# Have you registered to vote yet?

THE City of Cardiff Council is encouraging students and all local residents not yet registered to vote, to take advantage of the National Voter Registration Drive from February 1-7.

Are you a student or someone who has recently moved to Cardiff? If you are a student, did you know that you can register to vote at both your term-time address and the address you live at outside of term time.

It only takes a few minutes and you can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Voters will go to the polls on Thursday, May 5 to vote in the National Assembly for Wales elections. There is also an opportunity on the same day to vote in the Police and Crime Commissioner elections. Anyone not yet registered to vote should do so as soon as possible in order for them to be able to have their say on issues that affect their lives.

Councillor Dan De'Ath, Cabinet Member for Skills, Safety, Engagement Democracy, said: "The National Voter Registration Drive helps to spread the message amongst family and friends who haven't registered. It's important that anyone who hasn't registered does so. Young people, students and people who move frequently are less likely to be registered to vote and National Voter Registration Drive is a great opportunity to get onto the electoral register."

Last year, every property in Cardiff received a letter with details of who is currently on the electoral register for that property. Anyone living at the property whose name is not on the letter should register to vote at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Paper copies of the registration form are also available by visiting www. gov.uk/register-to-vote by contacting C2C on 029 2087 2087 or emailing electoralservices@cardiff.gov.uk The closing date to register at this year's elections is April 18.

Follow on Twitter #NVRD

# Aday in a life

The latest in a regular series looking at jobs carried out by people who make a difference in the city. This month, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Manager, **Lucy Baldwin**, talks to Capital Times about her role overseeing the Council team that tackles anti-social behaviour and works to ensure Council tenants feel safe in their homes.



"We have 12 anti-social behaviour (ASB) officers and I manage the team. An officer can have a caseload of between 30 and 40 cases at any one time. The Council has 13,500 tenants, so although this may seem a lot of cases it is only a small percentage of our tenants.

"The team covers antisocial behaviour committed by council tenants or when council tenants have been a victim of anti-social behaviour. We deal with a wide range of issues from neighbour nuisance to cannabis factories in houses, domestic violence, child protection issues and threats to harm. The majority of our work is done alonaside our partners such as police, social services and tenant support

"It's such a varied job and can be fast-paced. One day, an officer may be hand-delivering letters to a block of flats encouraging the reporting of alleged cannabis use in the area and on another day they may be looking to support a family in their application to move because of ongoing issues with neighbours. Another week, they could be a witness in court for a hearing where we are seeking a possession for a property due to serious neighbour nuisance.

"We try to resolve lower level ASB issues with a restorative approach, bringing people together in a neutral environment. The majority of our officers are trained to facilitate these discussions so individuals can be assisted in resolving these complaints between themselves.

"Unfortunately, there are cases that are more serious which need a different approach – maybe with an officer carrying out visits with a noise pollution officer or a

local PCSO, to give a verbal warning, or a written warning if people are breaching their tenancy agreement.

"If someone contacts us because they have been threatened by a neighbour and the police have attended and done their part, we take a statement from the victim and any witnesses. With their permission, we can go to court that day and get an injunction, which normally lasts a year, to prevent that person from causing any further issues. Since March 2015 we have had 24 injunctions, making sure we take immediate action to protect the victim before taking any further tenancy enforcement action.

"We work alongside the victim support champion for ASB victims in Cardiff and make referrals so she can provide additional emotional support for victim. We also support the person causing

the problem, for example if they have mental health, drug or alcohol issues. We try to do what we can to help people

"If behaviour is severe enough, we consider a notice seeking possession and liaise with the Council's legal team to go to court. Officers prepare court files and can be witnesses in court as well. An important part of the role during this time is keeping victims updated and assisting them if they need to attend court

"Evictions are a last resort but we do have a duty to tenants and neighbourhoods to make sure people live in a peaceful and safe environment."

If you would like to report anti-social behaviour, contact the team on 2053 7199 or email ASBReferral@ cardiff.gov.uk. You can also report cases to C2C on 029 2087 2087

## Committee Dates - January / February March 2016

Thursday, January 28, Full Council\*, 4.30pm, City Hall.

Monday, February 1, Audit Committee, 2pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, February 2, Joint Policy Review and Performance and Environment Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, February 9, Licensing Committee, 10am, Committee Room 1, County Hall. Public Protection Committee, 10.30am, Committee Room 1, County Hall.

Wednesday, February 10, Planning Committee\*, 2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Monday, February 15, Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee (Budget), 10am, Committee Room 4, County Hall. Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee (Budget), 2pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall

Tuesday, February 16, Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (Budget), 10am, Committee Room 4, County Hall. Environmental Scrutiny Committee (Budget), 2pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, February 17, Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee (Budget), 10am, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, February 18, Cabinet, 3.30pm, City Hall.

Thursday, February 25, Full Council\* (Budget), 4.30pm, City Hall.

Tuesday, March 1, Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee 2pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, March 2, Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, 5pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall. Tuesday, March 8, Licensing Committee, 10am, Committee Room 1, County Hall. Public Protection Committee, 10.30am, Committee Room 1, County Hall. Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall

Wednesday, March 9, Planning Committee\*, 2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County

Friday, March 11, Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee, 2pm, Records Office, Clos Parc Morgannwa, Leckwith.

Tuesday, March 15, Environmental Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall. Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, March 16, Constitution Committee, 5pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, March 17, Cabinet, 3.30pm, City Hall. Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, March 22, Audit Committee, 2pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall. Standards and Ethics Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, March 23, Democratic Services Committee, 10.30am, Committee Room 4, County Hall. Planning Committee (Policy), 4pm, Committee Room 4, County

Thursday, March 24, Full Council\*, 4.30pm, City Hall.

\* Visit the Council's webcasting site to view Full Council and Planning Committee meetings live or archived webcasts at www.cardiff.gov.uk/webcasting.

These dates are correct at time of going to press, however changes can occur due to unforeseen circumstances. If you wish to attend any of these meetings, details may be confirmed with Committee & Members Services at County Hall on 029 2087 2020.

# Cardiff to host Sainsbury's Sport Relief Games



CARDIFF has been selected as one of six cities across the UK to host a Sainsbury's Sport Relief Flagship Games.

The Cardiff Sainsbury's Sport Relief Games will take place on Sunday, March 20 in Bute Park and the surrounding area. Participants will be encouraged to run, walk, swim or cycle by signing up for the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile, the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Swimathon and the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Cycle. The money raised will help disadvantaged people living incredibly tough lives, across the UK and the world's poorest communities.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-

operatives and Social Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury, said: "I'm delighted that Cardiff is one of the cities which will be hosting the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Flagship Games. Since its launch in 2002, Sport Relief has raised millions of pounds which benefit communities across the UK and I really look forward to it.

"It's a great way of having fun, raising money for worthy causes and it's also good for the waistline. I urge everybody to register and then take part over the Sport Relief weekend."

The Mile winds its way around the picturesque Bute Park while the cycle route circles Alexandra Gardens and City Hall. The

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Swimathon action takes place
nearby at the Maindy Centre.

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exciting activity throughout the

exciting activity throughout the day, with opportunities to try a range of sports from local clubs. The day will also be full of musical entertainment to give participants and spectators something to watch and enjoy after the Mile, Cycle and Swimathon.

Welsh rugby international, Sam Warburton, is urging people across the city and country to get involved. He said: "This message is for you, the great people of Wales! Sport Relief is back and this year Cardiff is the host of one of six Sainsbury's Sport Relief Flagship Games. Everyone can get involved no matter how sporty you are so why not grab your friends and family and sign up to walk, run, swim or cycle.

"You won't just be doing yourself proud, you'll be doing the whole of the country proud as the money you raise will help to change people's lives right here in Wales, the rest of the UK and across the world."

Further information on acts and entertainment will be announced on sportrelief.com as the event approaches.

You can sign up for the Cardiff Sainsbury's Sport Relief Games now at sportrelief.com

Terms apply, see sportrelief. com/terms.

# Capital Sport...











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# Cardiff ready to welcome the World!



2016 looks set to be another great year for the city of Cardiff, attracting several major sporting events and if you're looking to challenge yourself there is still time to enter the Cardiff University/ IAAF World Half Marathon Championships.

The event, which will take place in the city centre on Easter Saturday, March 26, will be the biggest half marathon ever to be held in Wales. It is also the most significant athletics event hosted in the country since the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

The prestigious World Athletics Series event will bring more than 300 of the world's best athletes to Cardiff's flat, fast and iconic course, as well as hosting a mass participation race for up to 25,000 amateur runners from around the world. Teams from Cardiff's twin cities of Xiamen and Stuttgart will also be competing.

Paula Radcliffe and Sam Warburton are amongst the celebrity ambassadors supporting the event.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Cooperatives and Social Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury said: "We are proud to be chosen as a host city for this prestigious athletics event which has an unprecedented international appeal.

"This will be another opportunity to showcase what Cardiff has to offer as we welcome elite athletes, 25,000 runners in the mass race, large numbers of spectators and a global television audience."

To enter the Cardiff University/
IAAF World Half Marathon
Championships or for more
information please go to www.
cardiff2016.co.uk

For information about route and road closures, please visit www. cardiff2016.co.uk/event-info and follow the link to road closures.



## Cardiff City FC Cardiff City Stadium

Sky Bet Championship Saturday, February 6, 3pm Cardiff City v Milton Keynes

Saturday, February 20, 3pm Cardiff City v Brighton

Saturday, February 27, 3pm Cardiff City v Preston North End

Tuesday, March 8, 7.45pm Cardiff City v Leeds

Saturday, March 12, 3pm Cardiff City v Ipswich

## Cardiff Blues Cardiff Arms Park

#### **Guinness PRO12**

Saturday, January 30, 5.15pm Cardiff Blues v Edinburgh Ruaby Saturday, February 20, 3pm Cardiff Blues v Leinster Rugby

Sunday, February 28, 2.30pm Cardiff Blues v Ulster Rugby

Fri/Sat/Sun March 25/26/27 Cardiff Blues v Benetton Treviso

## Cardiff RFC Cardiff Arms Park

**Principality Premiership** Saturday, January 30, 2.30pm Cardiff RFC v Neath

Saturday, February 13, 2.30pm Cardiff RFC v Ebbw Vale

Saturday, February 20, 2.30pm Cardiff RFC v Carmarthen Quins

Saturday, March 5, 2.30pm Cardiff RFC v Bedwas

Saturday, March 26, 2.30pm Cardiff RFC v Pontypridd

## Cardiff Devils – Cardiff Bay Ice Arena

#### Challenge Cup

Wednesday, January 27, 7.30pm Cardiff Devils v Dundee Stars

#### Elite League

Sunday, January 31, 6pm Cardiff Devils v Edinburgh Capitals

Saturday, February 6, 7pm Cardiff Devils v Coventry Blaze

Sunday, February 21, 6pm Cardiff Devils v Sheffield Steelers

Saturday, February 27, 7pm Cardiff Devils v Coventry Blaze

Saturday, March 12, 7pm Cardiff Devils v Belfast Giants

Sunday, March 13, 6pm Cardiff Devils v Belfast Giants

Sunday, March 20, 6pm Cardiff Devils v Nottingham Panthers

 $For other sporting \ fixtures \ taking \ place \ across \ the \ city \ this \ month \ please \ visit \ www.sport-cardiff.com$ 

# Partnership project delivers new homes and shops for Pentrebane



AN exciting project to breathe new life into a city suburb has been completed.

The regeneration of the Upper Shops area of Beechley Drive, Pentrebane has delivered 13 new affordable homes and new shopping provision after the area was identified in the Council's Local Centres Strategy as a centre in need of redevelopment.

During consultation on the way forward, the community agreed that the shops were a valued amenity located in the right place but did not meet local needs because of their poor condition. The maisonettes above the shops were hard to let and experienced on-going problems of anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

A partnership development

between the City of Cardiff Council and Cadwyn Housing Association has created a range of one-bed, two-bed and threebed homes as well as four new commercial units, better suited in size for local businesses.

The project has also involved public realm improvements and provision of a new pedestrian crossing.

Leader of the City of Cardiff Council, Councillor Phil Bale, said: "The Upper Shops area of Beechley Drive has been revitalised by this regeneration project. A once neglected and rundown shopping parade has been transformed with the construction of new shops and modern homes. The difference in the area is remarkable.

"This scheme has created four modern retail units, three of which have already been let, at the right size which will be more sustainable for the future. 13 affordable homes have also been built, helping to meet local housing needs.

"Local schools and the community have played a key role in the development with a community art project that brightened up the vacant shop fronts while the scheme was being planned and during the development.

"With three primary schools within a stone's throw of the development, it's great to see the enhanced road safety measures, improved parking arrangements and improvements to surrounding payements.

"The Council's vision is for Cardiff to be a truly liveable city, the most liveable capital in Europe in fact, and by breathing new life into our communities in this way with affordable homes and sustainable local facilities, we are indeed contributing to that ambition."

Chris O'Meara, Chief Executive of Cadwyn Housing Association,

said: "In this location, more affordable homes weren't enough for the local community. There was a wider problem with existing facilities, including run down shops, which detracted from the area. We were pleased to be able to meet both sets of challenges thanks to partnership working with the City of Cardiff Council"

## Coming soon...

Other community shopping centres in the city are set to benefit from improvements which will make them better and safer places for businesses, customers and residents. These include:

- Caerphilly Road, Birchgrove Public realm improvements including new pavements and improved pedestrian crossings
- Wentloog Road, Rumney Improved parking, a new pedestrian crossing and footway reconstruction
- Llanishen Village Improvements are planned to link shops on Kimberley Terrace with the main shopping centre on Station Road, including a pedestrianised area with seating and cycle stands.
- The Maelfa, Llanedeyrn Redevelopment plans are being brought forward in partnership with Cardiff Community Housing Association which will deliver a new shopping parade and affordable housing.

Council gift helps trainee guide dogs

TRAINEE guide dogs in Cardiff got their paws on a Christmas present with a difference recently – 12 boxes of tactile paving slabs.

The slabs, a gift from the City of Cardiff Council and suppliers Visul UK, will be used at the Guide Dogs Cymru headquarters in St Mellons to teach dogs and owners to recognise safe places to cross the road.

The packs comprise five different types of tactile paving, which are also used to warn people of potential environmental hazards such as railway platform edges and flights of steps.

Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability, Councillor Ramesh Patel, said: "The gift to Guide Dogs Cymru is an example of the disabled community helping us to help them, rather than the other way around.

"We have also improved the tactile paving at pedestrian crossings in Westgate Street as part of the arrangements put in place ahead of the redevelopment of Central Square and the new transport interchange."

Andrea Gordon, Engagement Manager for Guide Dogs Cymru, said: "This gift will help us to train guide dogs to identify tactile paving when they are out with their

"We will also be able to show blind and partially sighted people how these important underfoot "clues" look and feel. This is sometimes difficult to do, and having a quiet location away from traffic will make it much easier to explain."

A number of bilingual braille and audio guides to bus stops following the closure of the bus station have been produced and these are available from the Council and also Guide



• City of Cardiff Council Equalities and Access Officer Robert Gravelle (centre) with Andrea Gordon and Nathan Foy of Guide Dogs Cymru to try out the tactile paving with guide dogs Kayley and Mason.

Dogs Cymru and RNIB Cymru.

A tactile map and a pictorial map for people with learning disabilities is also available while a website of

accessible information is in development and will include a downloadable audio guide.

To receive the guides and maps mentioned above,

please contact the Council's Equalities and Access Officer, Dr Robert Gravelle on 029 2087 2627 or email: rgravelle@ cardiff.gov.uk

## Palm Sunday Memorial Service

JOIN us this Easter to remember and celebrate the lives of those dear to us.

An ecumenical Palm Sunday Memorial Service, to which all are welcome, will be held at the Wenallt Chapel at Thornhill Crematorium on Sunday, March 20.

The service will begin at 2pm and will conclude at approximately 3pm.

Refreshments will be available at the end of the service. For further information, please contact a member of Bereavement Services' staff at Thornhill Crematorium on 029 20544820.

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# Capital Events





## Another event brought to you by City of Cardiff Council www.cardiff.gov.uk or call C2C on 2087 2087

## **New Theatre**

See website for performance times

#### Avenue O

Monday, January 25 - Saturday, January 30

#### Rehearsal for Murder

Tuesday, February 2 – Saturday February 6

#### Rocky Horror Show Monday, February 8 – Saturday,

February 13

#### The Cat in the Hat Friday, February 19 – Sunday, February

#### Gangsta Granny

Wednesday, February 24 – Sunday, February 28

Monday, February 29 – Saturday,

#### Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Tuesday, March 8 – Saturday, March

**The Last Tango** Tuesday, March 14 – Saturday, March

Hairspray Monday, March 21 – Saturday, March

#### Hetty Feather

esday, March 30 – Sunday, See website for performance times

## St David's Hall

Tuesday January 26, 8pm

**Alexander Armstrong** Wednesday, January 27, 7.30pm

#### Beyond The Barricade Thursday, January 28, 7.30pm

### Ed Byrne

Saturday, January 30, 8.00pm

#### Fairport Convention Sunday January 31, 7.30pm

Banff Mountain Film Festival

## Thursday, February 4, 7.30pm

Friday, February 5, 7.30pm

## Festival of Diversity XIII

Saturday, February 6, 7.30pm

#### Philharmonia Orchestra Sunday, February 7, 3pm

The Classic Rock Show Part 2 Tuesday, February 9, 7.30pm

Wednesday, February 10, 7.30pm

### Romeo & Juliet

Sunday, February 14, 3pm

#### Rumours of Fleetwood Mac Monday, February 15, 7.30pm

#### Count Duckula LIVE Wednesday, February 17, 2.00pm

#### Anton and Erin

Thursday, February 18, 7,30pm

#### Paddy McGuinness Friday, February 19, 7.30pm

A Night of ELO Saturday, February 27, 7.30pm

**60th Lord Mayor's Matinee** Sunday, February 28, 2pm **St David's Day** Tuesday, March 1, 7.30pm

Leona Lewis Wednesday, March 2, 7pm

## Betrayal by Harold Pinter

King of Pop Friday, March 4, 7.30pm

## A Night of Dirty Dancing

Saturday, March 5, 7.30pm Cardiff County and Vale of

## Glamorgan Music Sevice March 7 - 8, 7pm

Wednesday, March 9, 7.30pm

## Sandi Toksvig

Thursday, March 10, 7.30pm

#### Simply the Best: Divas Friday, March 11, 7.30pm

Music for Easter

## Tuesday, March 15, 1pm

Welsh National Opera Family

#### Sunday, March 20, 3pm

#### Paul Heaton & Jacqui Abbott Monday, March 21, 7pm

The Elvis Years

## Thursday, March 24, 7.30pm

Puccini's Tosca Wednesday, March 30, 7.30pm

1 April - 3 April

## **Cardiff Castle**

## February – Half Term Holidays

bruary 16 – timed slots Tropical Encounters - Exotic animals feature in this fun session with the chance to hold snakes and lizards, a skunk and meerkats. Tickets: £3 per person in addition to normal admission or a valid Castle Kev. Limited availability

#### Wed 17 & Thurs 18 February

Warrior School - Learn how to sword fight under the expert tuition of 'The Warwick Warriors'. This special sword school for children is held indoors in the atmospheric Undercroft Sessions: Limited availability - please book in advance to ensure a place.

#### Mini Warrior School (age 5-9): 10am & 12.30pm (lasts 45 mins). Ticket price: 1 adult & 1 child); additional adult: £2.50; additional child; £5.00

Warrior School (age 10 and over): 11am (lasts 75 mins) Ticket price: £10.00 ( 1 adult &

## 1 child); additional adult: £2.50; additional child: £7.50

Public archery display at 2.15pm (weather permitting) Children must be accompanied by an adult. Not suitable for under 5s.

## Sat 20 & Sun 21 February

Castle Underground Cinema - Special cinema screenings in the Undercroft. Saturday: 2pm Cinderella ( U), 4.30pm Labyrinth (U), 8pm The Shawshank Redemption (15) Sunday: 2pm Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (U), 4pm The Goonies (12), 8pm Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG). Tickets: £5 per person (daytime); £12 per person for 8pm showings. Children under 2 will not need a ticket but will not be allocated a seat. Book online on www.cardiffcastle.com

## **Cardiff Story Museum**

#### Cardiff Story Museum, 5th Birthday Celebrations

The Cardiff Story Museum is celebrating its 5th Birthday with a number of events throughout April. For more details visit - www. cardiffstory.com @thecardiffstory

#### Remembering the First World War in Cardiff

Three exhibitions at three locations The Senedd. The Pierhead and Cardiff Story Museum. Running until 20th Feb 2016. Free entry

## Parks during the Great War

A talk on the role Cardiff parks played in the Great War. Thurs 28th Jan, 6pm. Tickets on the door £5

Radyr and Morganstown & St Philbert de Grand Lieu Twinning Fellowship Exhibition exploring the 30th anniversary of this twinning fellowship and the strong bonds that have been formed between both communities. Running until February 2016-Free Entry.

#### Reminiscence Monthly

An opportunity to discuss old memories of Cardiff. Wed 3rd Feb & 2nd March, 11am - 12pm. Free entry.

## **Dinky Dragons**

Monthly family fun day for babies and toddlers. Rhyme Time / Story Time / Messy Play. Fri 12th Feb & Friday 11th March, 10am – 3pm. Free entry.

## Libraries

There are lots of activities happening in libraries across Cardiff from children's activities to live music. For details visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents or contact your local branch.

## Norwegian Church **Art Centre**

#### Icaris Duo - 'Fairest Isle February 26, 7:30pm

JUMP - concert JUMP - concert February 27, 7.30pm

## Steve Knightley - All At Sea Steve March 9, 7.30pm

**Boutique Gift Markets** 

**Yoga** Mondays 12.30pm - 1.15pm, £6 Tuesdays 6pm – 7pm. For details contact: Sharon Davies 07504 475394 / daviesyoga@yahoo.co.uk. Ideal for a family getaway, Flat Holm boasts a sense of wilderness, remoteness and tranquillity. With its wealth of history and wildlife, you'll be amazed at how much there is to discover!

## Flat Holm

Sailing trips Cardiff Sea Safaris 029 2048 7663 / www.cardiffseasafaris.co.uk

Sunday 7 February, 3pm; Sunday 14 February, 7.30am; Sunday 21 February, 3.30pm; Sunday 6 March, 2pm; Sunday 20 March, 2.30pm

MW Marine 01934 636734 / www.mwmarine.org

Tel: 02922 330235 ww.cardiff.gov.uk/pa

Monday 8 February, 10.15am; Tuesday 23 February, 10.45am; Wednesday 23 March, 10.15am For a full list of events, visit www.cardiff.

gov.uk/parks click on 'Things to do in

our parks' and download the 'Guided

#### walks and events programme Forest Farm Wildlife Watch February 27, 10am & March 19, 10am.

For full listing information visit wmc. org.uk / 029 2063 6464 Faulty Towers: The Dining Experience January 26 - February 3

## Wales Millennium Centre

#### Dutilleux - Impressions Wednesday, January 27, 7.30pm

Henry VI February 1 - 20, 2pm & 7.30pm

#### The Devil Inside Tuesday, February 9, 7.30pm

Welsh National Opera: The Barber

## February 13 - 25, 7.15pm

Welsh National Opera: The Marriage

### of Figaro February 18 - 26, 7pm

Welsh National Opera: Figaro Gets A Divorce February 21 - 27, 7.15pm

#### Tom: A Story of Tom Jones The Musical March 7 - 12

Brendan Cole: A Night To Remember Sunday, March 13. 7.30pm

#### British Dance Edition Wednesday March 16 - 17, 8pm Only The Brave March 28 - April 2

## Get set for adventure

Offering an exhilarating range of sports activities, including White Water Rafting, Indoor Surfing and Air Trail. Cardiff International White Water caters for all tastes and abilities. Book now for action-packed days of fun with family and friends, taster sessions, training courses and lots more

## City & Bay Events

## Cardiff Bay Water Activity Centre www.cbwac.com / 029 2087 7977 / 029 2035 3912

#### Cardiff Astronomical Society Meet Thursday evenings. Contact

Dave Powell Secretary Secretary@ cardiff-astronomical-society.co.uk

#### Cardiff Bonsai Club

Meet monthly on the third Tuesday, 7.30pm at The Scout Hall, Lake Road North, CF23 5QN. www.cardiffbonsai.ora.uk

### Cardiff CTC (Cycling club)

If you would like to cycle in and around the area, Cardiff CTC welcomes you to join our half-day and full-day Saturday and Sunday rides. We ride at a steady-to-leisurely pace and always keep together as a group. We normally take in a café or pub stop for elevenses and/or lunch. For further details please see our website http://cardiffctc.com/

#### Cardiff & District Rhondda Society Meet monthly on the third Wednesday during term time, 10.30am. Room 8, Ararat Church, Whitchurch. For details:

risk management arrangements.

029 20883722

Cardiff Farmer's Markets Rhiwbina, Butcher's Arms-Every Friday 10am-1pm, Roath, Mackintosh Sports Club-Every Saturday 9.30am-1pm. Riverside, Fitzhamon Embankment-Every Sunday 10am-2pm. St. Mary Street every Saturday 11am-5pm. www.riversidemarket.org.uk

#### Cardiff Naturalists' Society

A series of talks and field trips covering all aspects of wildlife. For details: www. cardiffnaturalists.org.uk

#### Cardiff Philatelic Society

Stamps, postcards or postal history group. Meet alternate Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Llanishen Baptist Church, Fidlas Road, Llanishen, CF14 5LZ. For more information contact secretary Graham Bean on 029 2065 7941 or emailabean@dsl.pipex.com

#### Cardiff Royal Naval Association

Meet monthly on the first Monday at 7.30pm at the United Services Mess, Wharton Street, Meet every other Wednesday at 12.30pm in the City Arms pub. Former and serving members of The Royal Navy and Royal Marines welcome. For details e-mail: ransfordtroaers@amail.com

## Cardiff U3A - Group for the retired/

semi-retired
For details: www.cardiffu3a.org.uk//
07926 533693.

## **Public notice**

### CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL **AUDIT COMMITTEE** APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER

An opportunity has arisen for an Independent Member to join the City of Cardiff

The City of Cardiff Council is committed to the highest standards of corporate governance. The remit of the Council's Audit Committee is to have high level oversight of the Council's framework of corporate governance, risk management systems, treasury management policies & procedures and the associated internal control environment. To fulfil this remit, it seeks assurance from the work of internal and external auditors and other inspection agencies and the Council's

The Audit Committee membership currently comprises 12 members made up of eight Councillors and four Independent Members appointed from outside the Council. This ensures the robustness and independence of the Audit Committee's operations. The Committee is chaired by an Independent Member, Mr Ian

The successful applicant should be inquiring and independent-minded and able to assist the work of the Audit Committee by personal knowledge and experience relating to the financial and operational management and internal control of

The duties of the Independent Member will include attendance at five scheduled public meetings per year plus attendance at mandatory Audit Committee training and development events. The appointment is remunerated in accordance with the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and payments are capped to a maximum of the equivalent of ten full days a year.. Payments are for meeting time only but also include time spent on preparation and travelling.

The appointment will be from a date agreed following the recruitment process and will be for no more than two full terms of a local authority. These are usually

The role description and person specification provides more details of what skills and experience the successful candidate might be expected to have

If you would like to discuss the role informally, please contact Christine Salter, Corporate Director Resources telephone 02920872301 or email C.Salter@cardiff.

If you would like to be considered for this role please contact Democratic Services, City of Cardiff Council Room 286 County Hall, Atlantic Wharf Cardiff CF10 4UW

or email democrtaicservices@cardiff.gov.uk for an application pack. The deadline

for applications is 15 February 2016. It is expected that interviews will take place in early March 2016.

## YOUR WARD SURGERIES

#### **ADAMSDOWN**



To book an appointment or arrange a house call, please phone or email Councillor Ahmed.



20465233 nhowells@cardiff.gov.uk

To book an appointment or arrange a house call please phone or email Councillor Howell

#### **BUTETOWN**



07968165138 Ali.Ahmed@cardiff.aov.uk

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month. 12.00noon - 1.00nm at County Hall, Atlantic Whatf (in the office to the left of reception). Saturday street surgeries – 12.15pm – 1.15pm For more details, contact 07968 165138.

To book an appointment or arrange a house call, please phone or email Councillor Ahmed.

#### **CAERAU**



**Peter Bradbury** 20591735 / 07973 179577



20569349 / 07757 082410 Elaine.Simmons@cardiff.gov.uk

6th Feb (PB), 20th Feb (ES), 5th Mar (PB), 19th Mar (ES) 10am to 11.30am at Western Leisure Centre, Caerau Lane Please contact 07973 179577 (PB) or 07757 082 410 (ES) for a visit.

To book an appointment or arrange a house

call, please phone or email Councillor Bradbury or Councillor Simmons.

## **CANTON**



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20372035 / 07850 874890 rapatel@cardiff.gov.uk



20567428 riCook@cardiff.aov.uk

Every Saturday 10am - 11am. Canton Library, Library Street, Canton, CF5 1QD. No

## **CATHAYS**



20630311 eclark@cardiff.aov.uk

First Saturday of every month. 11am – 12noon at Cathays Library, Fairoak Road.



Christopher Weaver 2039 7149 / 07909991021 Christopher.Weaver@cardiff.gov.uk



07906355971/20372301 Sarah.Merry@cardiff.gov.uk



Sam Knight 07539685806 / 2037 2783

1st Saturday of the month, 11am - 12noon at Cathays Community Centre, Cathays Terrace. All other Saturdays 11am – 12noon at Cathays Library, Fairoak Road.

## **CREIGIAU & ST FAGANS**



Graham Thomas Graham.Thomas@cardiff.gov.ul

To book an appointment or arrange a house call please call or email Councillor Thomas.

## **CYNCOED**



20750310 davrees@cardiff.gov.uk



20753710 klloyd@cardiff.gov.uk



20758175 mjones@cardiff.gov.uk

February 9th (Tuesday) – 10am at Rhydypenau March 10th (Thursday) – 11am at the Terra Nova on the Lake, Roath Park

#### ELY



Jim Murphy 20592411 lim.Murphy@cardiff.gov.uk



20659330 sgoddard@cardiff.gov.uk



07962 251439 .v.goodway@cardiff.gov.uk

Second and fourth Saturday of every month. 10am, Ely Day Centre, Grand Avenu

#### **FAIRWATER**



**Lisa Ford** 07891518426



lisaford@cardiff.gov.uk **Neil McEvoy** 07974 439640

nmcevoy@cardiff.gov.uk

Every Saturday 11am – 12noon at St David's Lutheran Church, St Fagans Rd. Every Wednesday 12noon to 1pm at Pentrebane

For more details contact Councillor Ford and Councillor McEvoy.



Paul Mitchell 07967 143962 Paul.Mitchell@cardiff.gov.uk

1st and 3rd Saturday, 11am - 1pm - street surgeries at various locations. 2nd and 4th Saturday 2pm - 3.30pm - fixed surgeries at St David's Lutheran Chruch, St Fagans Rd.

Contact Councillor Paul Mitchell to make appointments or arrange home visits.

#### **GABALFA**



ebridges@cardiff.gov.uk

To book an appointment or arrange a house call, please email Councillor Bridges.



07583887312 Gareth.Holden@cardiff.gov.uk Twitter @holden\_gareth

1st Tuesday of every month, 5pm-5.30pm, Aegean Restaurant, Whitchurch Rd.

To request a personal visit please phone or

#### **GRANGETOWN**



**Ashley Govier** 07896 294865 Ashley.Govier@cardiff.gov.uk



Chris (John) Lomax 20372853 Chris.Lomax@cardiff.gov.uk



Lvnda Thorne Lynda.Thorne@cardiff.gov.uk

**Surgeries**: First Saturday of the month 10.30am to 12 noon at the Buzz, Penarth Road.

First Wednesday of the month from 6pm at

#### First Friday of every month at Clare Road Islamic Centre from 2pm - 3.30pm.



fbowden@cardiff.gov.uk

## the ward.

Birchgrove School; and as advertised within



**Lyn Hudson** 20522654 / 07900 167933 lhudson@cardiff.gov.uk



ring for an appointment.

Graham Hinchey Graham.Hinchey@cardiff.gov.uk

To get in touch or to request a personal visit please call or e-mail Councillor Hinchey.

#### **LISVANE**



David Walker

#### To book an appointment please contact ouncillor Walker



Gareth Aubrey 20552600 gaubrey@cardiff.gov.uk



20562979 kirstydavies@cardiff.gov.uk

2nd Saturday of every month 12.30pm 1.30pm, at Llandaff Parish Hall.

4th Saturday of every month, 12pm - 1pm at St Johns Hall, Danescourt.

#### LLANDAFF NORTH



07734880397 war.Ali@cardiff.gov.uk



07779 354776 white@cardiff.gov.uk

1st & 3rd Saturday of each month (except August) - 9.00am – 10.00am. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month (except August) - 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North

#### **LLANISHEN**



07581421282 Phil.Bale@cardiff.gov.uk



20872420 Julia.Magill@cardiff.gov.uk

Every Saturday10am – 11am at Cardiff North Labour Office, 13 Llangranog Road, Llanisher





07967506602



HJoyce@cardiff.gov.uk **Keith Jones** 07500554167

1st Saturday of every month and every Tuesday 9.30am at Llanrumney Library, Countisbury

#### **PENTWYN**



oseph Carter 20734659 jcarter@cardiff.gov.uk



20732807 khyde@cardiff.gov.uk



pchaundy@cardiff.gov.uk



Gavin Hill-John 029 2009 8460/ 07974 260986 Gavin.Hill-John@cardiff.gov.uk

## Surgeries: 17th Feb, 6pm – Kings Arms, Pentyrch

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16th Mar, 6pm - Gwaelod Y Garth Inn



029 2046 2187 Joe.Boyle@cardiff.gov.uk

## pburfoot@cardiff.gov.uk

Surgeries: Friday 26th March, 6.00pm at Marlborough Primary School, Blenheim Road Entrance

20488796

#### **PLASNEWYDD**



Daniel De'Ath 07581421273 Daniel.De'Ath@cardiff.gov.uk



Mohammad.Javed@cardiff.gov.uk



07790962764

Mary McGarry

Every Saturday morning 10am – 11am (except August) - Penylan Library and Community Centre, Ninian Road.

#### **PONTPRENNAU &** OLD ST MELLONS



9.30am-10.30am – Caer Salem Baptist Chapel, Tyr Winch Road. 1st Monday of every month (except for



Georgina Phillips 20360692 Georgina.Phillips@cardiff.gov.uk

#### 1st Saturday of every month, 9.30am 10.30am at Pontprennau Church Centre, Heol.

## **RADYR & MORGANSTOWN**



Roderick McKerlich RMckerlich@cardiff.gov.uk

At Radyr Library, between 10am and 12 noon on Saturdays, January 30 February 5 April 0

## on Saturdays, January 30, February 5, April 9. To book an appointment please contact Councillor McKerlich.



JCowan@cardiff.gov.uk

Adrian Robson



20628587

Eleanor.Sanders@cardiff.gov.uk



029 2087 2020 Caro.wild@cardiff.gov.uk

16 February, 5.30pm-6pm, All Saints Church 8 March, 10am-11am. Olive Branch 12 April, 5.30pm-6pm, All Saints Church



Darren Williams 07891485523 Darren.Williams@cardiff.gov.uk

#### RUMNEY



20363748 Bob.Derbyshire@cardiff.gov.uk

Third Thursday of every month, 6.30pm-7.30pm at Rumney Partnership Hub, Llanstephan Road.



Jacqueline Parry 20796 066 / 07815001625 JackieParry@cardiff ar-

First Monday every month, 10.30 – 11.30am at Rumney Partnership Hub, Llanstephan Road. Councillor Parry is available to visit residents



Gretta Marshall 07581 421 279 Gretta.Marshall@cardiff.gov.uk



Ed Stubbs 07944 188112 Fd.Stubbs@cardiff.gov.uk



MoWalsh@cardiff.gov.uk Councillor Monica Walsh would be pleased



Michael.Michael@cardiff.gov.uk Councillor Michael Michael would be pleased to

## Ralph Cook 2079 3809



07772919515 Chris.Davis@cardiff.gov.uk



David.Groves@cardiff.aov.uk

in Whitchurch Library. Second Saturday of the month, 11am to 12noon in Whitchurch Community Centre. Third Saturday of the month, 11am to 12noon in Ararat Baptist Church, Whitchurch. Fourth Saturday of the month, 11am to 12noon in Bethesda United Reformed Church, Tongwynlais.

**Garry Hunt** 



#### 20751364 Andrew Graham@cardiff gov uk

To book an appointment or arrange a house call

please phone or email Councillor Graham.

## LLANRUMNEY



DerrickMorgan@cardiff.gov.uk



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Alternate Fridays (School term times only)
11.30am – 12.30pm at the Powerhouse,
Llanedeyrn or 11.30am – 12.30pm at Pentwyn

Leisure Centre. No appointment necessary



bkelloway@cardiff.gov.uk

## Mary.McGarry@cardiff.gov.uk

20753389

## Sue.Lent@cardiff.gov.uk



Dianne Rees

1st Saturday of every month (except August)

Bank Holidays and August) 6pm - 7pm -Pontprennau Church Centre, Heol Pontprennau

Pontprennau. 1st Saturday of every month.11am

– 12noon in the hall at the rear of Caersalem
Baptist Church, Mill Lane, Old St. Mellons.



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## RIVERSIDE



## rday mornings 10.30 – 11.30 1st, 3rd and

Saturdays of the month in Canton Library, opposite Iceland, Cowbridge Rd East. No



Community Centre. Third Saturday of month (except August). 10am at STAR Centre. Last Saturday of month 10am. Street surgery in Splott, Tremorfa, Pengam Green. If you would like a Councillor to visit you, please call us on the

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to see you on 1st Saturday of every month (excluding August & January) at 10 am at St Mellons Library, Crickhowell Road, St Mellons.

20/9 3809 ralphcook@cardiff.gov.uk Please visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/councillors for

Benjamin Thomas 07792 768306 Ben.Thomas@cardiff.gov.uk

**SPLOTT** 

**Huw Thomas** 

above numbers or call 029 2087 2020. **TROWBRIDGE** 

Second Wednesday of month. 6pm at Moorland

see you on the 1st Wednesday of every month (excluding August & January), 9am-10am at Trowbridge Community Centre, Caernarvon Way, Rumney.

## details of Councillor Cook's surgeries. **WHITCHURCH &**



Saturday of the month, 11am to 12noon

Councillors are also available by phone. Call Members Services on 2087 2020 or visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/councillors for details. Surgeries are not held on Bank Holidays.